

REMARKS

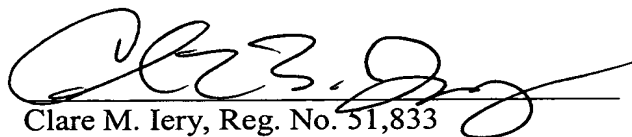
The specification has been amended to correct inconsistencies in the identification of the respective amino acid and nucleic acid sequences associated with the application. Specifically, the amino acid sequence for the truncated hairless protein has been renumbered as SEQ ID NO: 18 and the corresponding nucleic acid sequence is renumbered as SEQ ID NO: 17 throughout the application. These sequence listings have also been added to the attached Sequence Listing.

On page 27, SEQ ID NOS: 100 and 101 have been renumbered as SEQ ID NOS: 19 and 20, respectively, and have been added to the Sequence Listing.

Also on page 28, SEQ ID NOS: 102 and 103 have been appropriately renumbered as SEQ ID NOS: 17 and 18. In lines 15-17 of the same paragraph, the three nucleotide positions, wherein a change is observed, have been renumbered to reflect the location from the beginning of SEQ ID NO: 17 rather than from the beginning of the entire sequence of which SEQ ID NO: 17 represents only a portion.

It is believed that since SEQ ID NOS: 17-20 are adequately described in the original specification that these changes do not involve any introduction of new matter, whereby entry is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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